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Governor Schwarzenegger Appoints Director, Chief Deputy Director of Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger today announced the appointment of Ruben Grijalva as director and Crawford Tuttle chief deputy director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection.

"While serving in my Administration, Ruben has proven himself to be an accomplished leader and dedicated public servant," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "His commitment to responsibly managing California's wildlands and continuing to improve our fire protection capabilities makes him the ideal individual for this important position."

Grijalva has served as acting director of the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection since January, 2006. He was appointed state fire marshal by Governor Schwarzenegger in 2004 and is currently chair of the State Board of Fire Services. Grijalva was previously the fire chief for the City of Palo Alto Fire Department from 1994 to 2004, where he also previously served as assistant fire chief from 1990 to 1994. He served in the Department of Public Safety for the City of Sunnyvale from 1976 to 1990. During this period Grijalva held positions in both the police and fire divisions before serving as fire marshal from 1985 to 1990. He is past president of the Fire Chiefs Department for the League of California Cities, past president of the Santa Clara County Fire Chief's Association and a former member of the Uniform Fire Code Committee for the International Fire Code Institute. He is a member of the California Fire Chiefs Association and the International Association of Fire Chiefs.

"I am honored that Governor Schwarzenegger is giving me this opportunity to continue to serve the people of California at the Department of Forestry and Fire Protection," said Grijalva. "This state deserves the highest standards of fire prevention, fire fighting and resource management, and I am determined to maintain and build upon the department's history of success."

Grijalva, 50, of San Jose, earned an Associate of Arts degree from San Jose City College and holds a number of Peace Officers Standards and Training Certificates including Advanced, Supervisory and Management. This position requires Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$123,255. Grijalva is a Republican.

Tuttle, 46, of Sacramento, has served as deputy secretary for external affairs at the Resources Agency since 2004. Tuttle was previously a vice-president at Source Healthcare Systems from 1999 to 2004, deputy secretary of the California Environmental

Protection Agency from 1996 to 1999 and served as California's Washington representative, acting as the state's chief liaison to Congress and the Clinton Administration from 1994 to 1996. He was also a policy and budget analyst for the U.S. Office of Management and Budget and a senior legislative assistant for U.S. Representative Norman Shumway. This position does not require Senate confirmation and the compensation is \$118,284. Tuttle is a Republican.

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF) is dedicated to the fire protection and stewardship of over 31 million acres of non-federal wildlands, responding to emergencies, and protecting and enhancing forests, range lands and watersheds. In addition, the department provides varied emergency services in 36 of the State's 58 counties via contracts with local governments. The Department's firefighters, fire engines, and aircraft respond to an average of more than 5,600 wildland fires each year. Those fires burn more than 172,000 acres annually.

For more information regarding the department, visit www.cdf.ca.gov.

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